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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the application's communication filed on January 18, 2001. Claims 1-14 are currently pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 18, 2001 is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In Claims 1, 7, 11, 12, and 13, the applicant identifies the step of "wirelessly retrieving event information" and "wirelessly retrieving an electronic event ticket." However, there is no information in the specification identifying where the event information comes from or where the event ticket is received.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as

the invention. In Claims 1, 7, 11, 12 and 13, the applicant identifies inputting identification information. What does the applicant define as identification information?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11, 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sehr (US 2001/0018660) (hereinafter referred to as Sehr).

Referring to Claim 1, 11 and 13:

Sehr discloses a method and medium for electronic ticket information transmission, comprising:

inputting user identification information (Fig. 4- Cardholder/Visitor Background, page 3 [0034]);

wirelessly retrieving event information (page 2 [0026]);

wirelessly retrieving an electronic event ticket (page 1 [0012], page 10 [0076]);

wirelessly transmitting said electronic event ticket to a ticket agent (page 2 [0024], page 6 [0052]);

Referring to Claims 2 and 3:

Sehr discloses a method further comprising performing said electronic ticket information squirting on a personal communication device (PCD) and wherein the PCD is a personal digital assistant (PDA) (page 3 [0031], [0035] page 7 [0062]

Referring to Claim 5:

Sehr discloses a method wherein said event information comprises an entertainment itinerary (page 2 [0026], page 5 [0045]).

Referring to Claim 6 and 14:

Sehr discloses a method and medium wherein said method is further comprised of the step of monitoring said event information (page 10 [0077]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 7-10 and 12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr (US 2001/0018660) (hereafter referred to as Sehr '660) in view of Sehr (US 6,609,658) (hereinafter referred to as Sehr '658).

Referring to Claims 7 and 12:

Sehr discloses a method and medium for electronic information transmission, comprising:

inputting user identification information (Fig. 4- Cardholder/Visitor Background, page 3

[0034]);

wirelessly retrieving event information (page 2 [0026];

wirelessly retrieving an electronic event ticket (page 1 [0012], page 10 [0076];

wirelessly transmitting said electronic event ticket to a ticket agent (page 2 [0024], page 6 [0052])

Sehr ‘660 does not disclose electronic baggage information squirting. However, Sehr ‘658 discloses electronic baggage information squirting. (col. 34, line 41 thru col. 37, line 4)

. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate into the disclosure of Sehr ‘660 the teachings of Sehr ‘658 since the system comprises a database scheme for storing a set of data and information and the this single integrated database, including the passenger card, always contains and automatically delivers, the most up to date set of those data and information.

Referring to Claims 8 and 9:

Sehr ‘ 660 discloses a method further comprising performing said electronic information squirting on a personal communication device (PCD) and wherein the PCD is a personal digital assistant (PDA) (page 3 [0031], [0035] page 7 [0062]

Referring to Claim 10:

Sehr ‘658 discloses a method and medium wherein said method is further comprised of the step of monitoring said baggage information (col. 34, line 41 thru col. 37, line 4).

7. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr '660 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sehr '658.

Sehr '660 discloses the method of Claim 1. Sehr '660 does not disclose a method wherein the event information comprises a travel itinerary.

Sehr '658 discloses a method where the event information comprises a travel itinerary (col. 1, lines 12-24, col. 6, lines 30-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate into the disclosure of Sehr '660 the teachings of Sehr '658 since the type of information is considered non-functional descriptive matter since it is directed to the information content of what is sent, not to any specific step. Furthermore, the system of Sehr '658 allows for a travel system and method which utilize computerized cards for the automated use of a traveler's permit and other travel-related documents, purchase of goods and services and the rendering of other travel services via the portable passenger card device including making the appropriate reservations and loading the related ticket and travel information into the passenger card which allows for improved service, faster boarding and better security.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kodaka et al discloses a reservation system and method which transmits reservation information to a portable terminal owned by a user who makes the reservation.

Transforming travel discloses wireless booking systems and reservation system which offer booking by phone and through personal digital assistants.

Hogl discloses a method for purchasing travel tickets using a mobile phone or similar wireless connection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jan Mooneyham whose telephone number is (703) 305-8554. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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